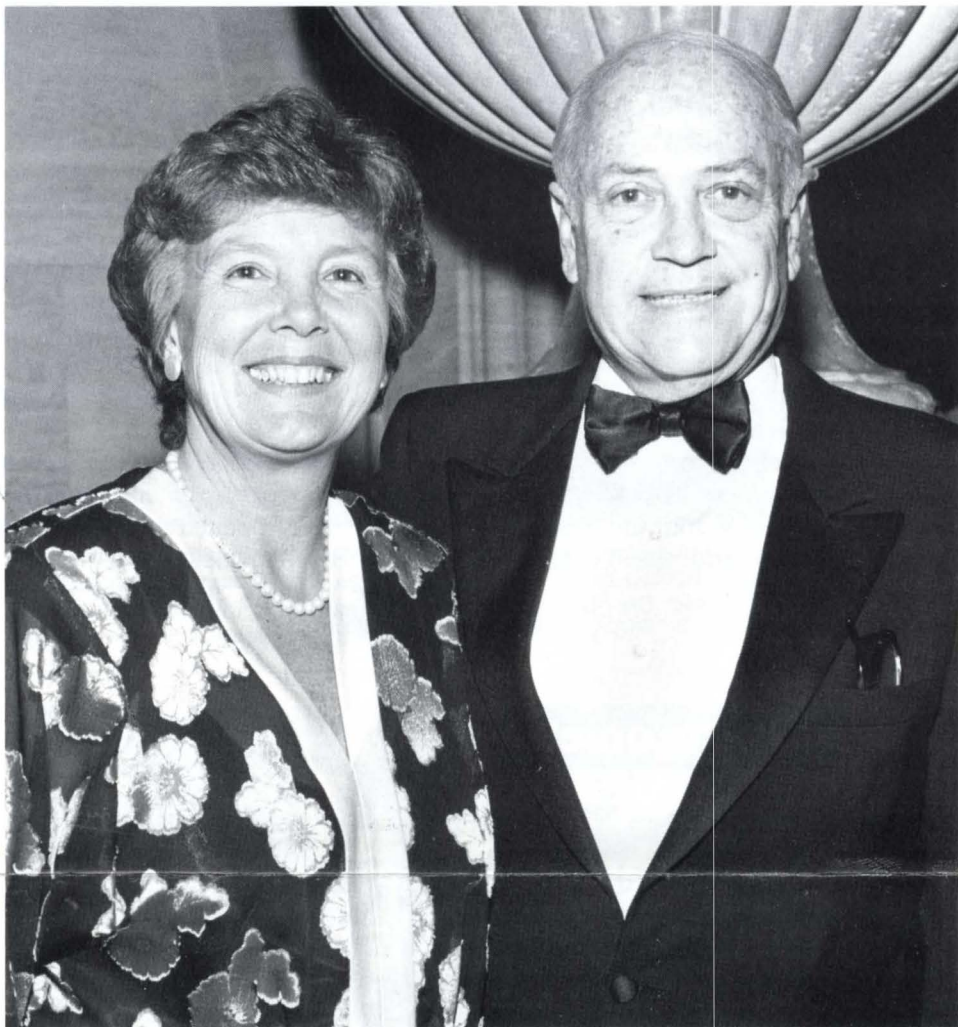




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Dr. W. Gerald Austen, ACS President-Elect, and his wife, Patricia

Presidential Address

College must take leadership role for all of surgery

"This is a critical time for American medicine, and the leadership of the College as a unified voice for American surgery has never been more important," Ralph A. Straffon, MD, FACS, the newly installed President of the College, said in his Presidential Address last evening.

Dr. Straffon reiterated this theme during his speech, "To Think and Act as a Unit," which he delivered at the conclusion of Convocation ceremonies in the International Ballroom of the Chicago Hilton and Towers Hotel. He told the assembled Initiates and guests that among the most important issues facing surgeons today are access to and cost of health care, changing patterns of disease, the aging population, professional liability insurance, the union-

ization of health care workers, and care for the uninsured.

With regard to issues confronting the College in the near future, Dr. Straffon said he believes that "it is unlikely that we will have national health insurance in the near future. The budget deficit and financing requirements of such a massive plan would be too expensive."

"There will be a gradual change in the health care system to cover the uninsured and underinsured. This goal will probably be accomplished through mandated coverage of employees by employers, risk pools to provide insurance for those individuals who are unable to acquire it at this time, and improvements in the coverage and reimbursement levels under the Medicaid program," he said.

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Dr. Austen chosen as ACS President-Elect

W. Gerald Austen, MD, FACS, the immediate past Chairman of the Board of Regents, was named President-Elect yesterday afternoon at the annual meeting of Fellows, which took place at McCormick Place. Dr. Austen, who is chief, surgical services, Massachusetts General Hospital, and Edward D. Churchill Professor of Surgery, Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA, will be installed as President at the 1992 Clinical Congress in New Orleans, LA.

Dr. Austen received a BS degree from Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1951 and a medical degree from Harvard Medical School in 1955. He took his postgraduate education at Massachusetts General Hospital, Kings College Hospital (London), and the thoracic unit of The General Infirmary (Leeds, England).

In 1963, he began his professional affiliation with Harvard as an associate in surgery; he also became chief of the surgical cardiovascular research unit at

Massachusetts General Hospital that year. In 1969, he became chief of surgical services at Massachusetts General, and in 1974 acquired the Churchill professorship.

Dr. Austen is a member of over 30 medical societies. He has been the president of the Society of University Surgeons, Massachusetts Heart Association, New England Cardiovascular Society, and American Heart Association. He became a Fellow of the College in 1964, and has served on the Committee on Pre- and Postoperative Care, Cardiovascular Committee, Committee for the Forum on Fundamental Surgical Problems, Board of Governors, Nominating Committee of Fellows, and Advisory Council of Cardiothoracic Surgery. He was named a Regent of the College in 1982.

He currently serves on the editorial boards of the *American Heart Journal*, *American Journal of Surgery*, *Annals of Surgery*, *Current Surgery*, *Minerva Medica*, *Excerpta Medica*, *The Journal of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery*,

and *Current Concepts in Cardiovascular Disease*.

In other College actions taken yesterday, the Fellows named J. Bradley Aust, MD, PhD, FACS, San Antonio, TX, as First Vice-President-Elect, and

Vallee L. Willman, MD, FACS, St. Louis, MO, as Second Vice-President-Elect.

Dr. Aust is professor and chairman of the department of surgery at The University of Texas Health Science Center

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Dr. Aust, First Vice-President-Elect



Dr. Willman, Second Vice-President-Elect

John Davis receives DSA

The highest honor awarded by the American College of Surgeons, the Distinguished Service Award, was presented to John H. Davis, MD, FACS, of Burlington, VT, at the Annual Meeting of Fellows and Initiates yesterday afternoon. Dr. Davis has enthusiastically served the College in a variety of capacities, including membership and service on the Board of Governors, on the Executive and Membership Committees of the Committee on Trauma, on the Executive Committee of the Vermont Chapter, and on the Committee on Motion Pictures.

In recognizing the contributions that Dr. Davis has made to the field of surgery, the College acknowledged his "distinguished scholarship in clinical research directed toward patients with metabolic abnormalities, shock, and infection in association with injury...and his distinguished service to his country as a clinician and investigator in peripheral vascular, burn, and metabolic research during the Korean Conflict."

The College also extended its appreciation for Dr. Davis' "enduring contribution... by distinguished membership

and service on the Executive Committee of the Vermont Chapter, the Board of Governors, and the Executive Committee and Membership Committee of the Committee on Trauma, as well as the Committee on Motion Pictures."

Dr. Davis earned a medical degree in 1948 from Western Reserve University School of Medicine, Cleveland, OH, where he was a member of the Hamann Honorary Medical Society. After completing an internship at the University Hospitals of Cleveland, he undertook a surgical residency at the University Hospitals of Cleveland from 1949-1950.

From 1950 to 1953, Dr. Davis performed military service in Korea in several capacities: as an associate surgeon in septic burn surgery; as chief of surgery in the peripheral vascular and frostbite section; as an associate research surgeon on the surgical research team; and as the chief of surgery for the burn study section. He returned to the University Hospitals of Cleveland in 1953 and served as an assistant resident in surgery until 1956.

At Western Reserve University School of Medicine, from 1956-1969,

Dr. Davis rose from the position of instructor in surgery to professor of surgery. Since 1969, he has been on staff at the University of Vermont College of Medicine as a professor of surgery in the department of surgery, serving as chairman of the department from 1969-1989.

In addition, Dr. Davis served as assistant, then associate, surgeon at the University Hospitals of Cleveland; director of the undergraduate teaching program in the department of surgery, and the director of graduate education in the department of surgery.

Currently, Dr. Davis is serving as a medical staff consultant at Southwestern Vermont Medical Center, Bennington, and Central Vermont Hospital, Barre, and at New York's Champlain Valley Physician's Hospital.

Dr. Davis is president of the New England Surgical Society. He is the past president of the American Association for the Surgery of Trauma, and the past president of both the Eastern Surgical Society and the Vermont Chapter of the ACS.

In addition, he is the former director



John H. Davis, MD, FACS

of the American Board of Emergency Medicine and has served on the board of directors of the American Board of Surgery and the American Trauma Society. He has authored and coauthored over 140 medical and scientific articles, and is the editor of the *Journal of Trauma*.

He has received numerous awards during his medical career, including the National Safety Council Award in 1979 and the Distinguished Service Award from the Vermont State Medical Society in 1989.

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"I believe that the American College of Surgeons must take a leadership role for all of surgery if we are to have an effective voice in Washington. As Dr. Stinchfield stated in his 1977 Presidential Address, "...the only way we can stave off the threat of government control of surgical practice in this country is for all surgeons to unite." Dr. Straffon added that "your specialty society can speak for you on issues that are important specifically to your specialty, but only the College can be an effective voice for all of surgery."

Paraphrasing what George W. Crile,

MD, FACS, wrote in 1918 during World War I regarding two associates, "...we have been rivals in everything, yet through all the vicissitudes of personal, financial, and professional relations, we have been able to think and act as a unit."

"This principle," Dr. Straffon said, "must apply to all members of the American College of Surgeons regardless of your specialty."

"If this solidarity occurs, we will have an effective and unified voice for all of surgery in the American College of Surgeons," Dr. Straffon concluded.

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at San Antonio (TX). He has served on the College's Board of Governors and Texas Credentials Committee.

Dr. Willman is professor and chairman at St. Louis (MO) University Medical Center. He has served on the College's Medical Devices Committee, Program Committee, Nominating Com-

mittee of Fellows, and Missouri Credentials Committee. He currently serves as a representative to the Council of Medical Specialty Societies, and has served as a representative to the American Board of Surgery. He is also the recipient of the College's 1988 Distinguished Service Award.

Program Changes

At the What's New in Surgery program today at 8:30 am, the *first* presentation will be "What's New in Pediatric Surgery" by Dr. Moritz Ziegler. The *second* presentation will be "Critical Care and Metabolism" by

Dr. Ronald V. Maier. "General Thoracic Surgery" will not be presented, but will be submitted at a later date to the *Bulletin*. Subsequent presentations will follow the order appearing in the Program Book, page 36.

Congress Chronicle

Chicago wrap-up

Today marks the close of the 23rd Clinical Congress to be held in Chicago. Since the Congress was first held here in 1913, more than 24,000 surgeons have been inducted into Fellowship during Convocation ceremonies in this city. Chicago has been home to six College Presidents—Albert J. Ochsner (1923-24), Franklin H. Martin (1928-29), Allen B. Kanavel (1931-32), Dallas B. Phemister (1948-49), Loyal Davis (1962-63), and C. Rollins Hanlon (1987-88)—as well as five First Vice-Presidents, three Second Vice-Presidents, and 14 Regents.

The following companies have supported the *Clinical Congress News* with advertisements in the Exhibit Guide section of this issue:

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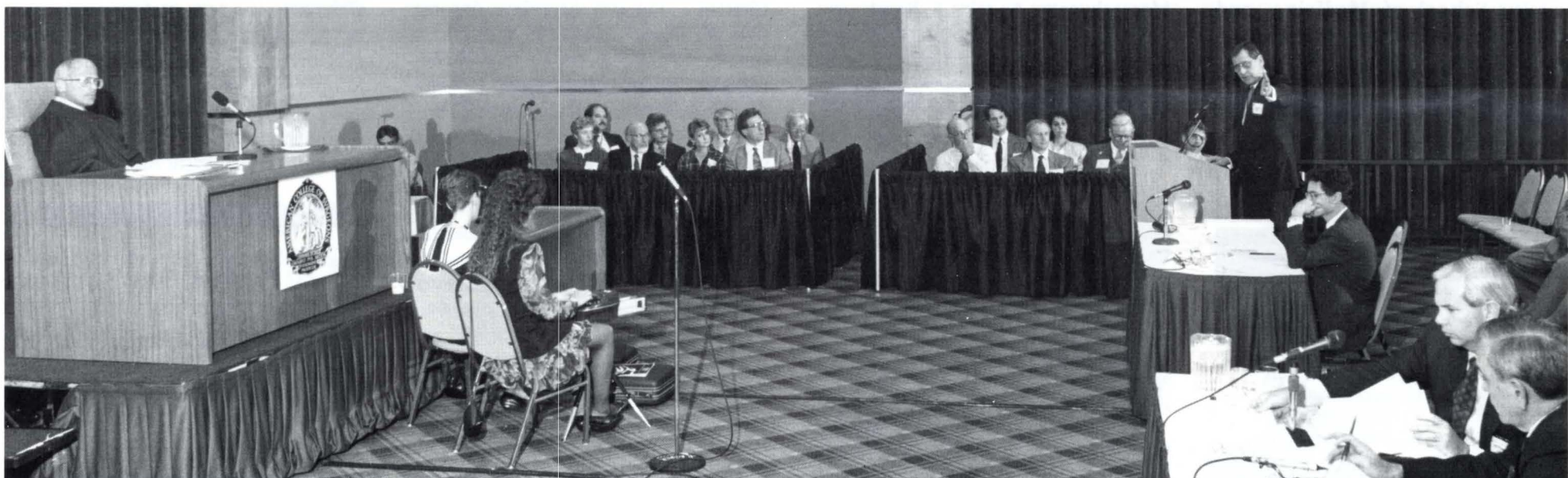
Those who served in harm's way: At yesterday's symposium on "Logistics of Surgery and Modern Warfare: Lessons Learned in 'Desert Storm,'" a panel of military health care experts, active during the recent crisis in the Persian Gulf, discussed the planning, implementation, and results of their activities. Pictured from left to right: Lt. Gen. Alexander M. Sloan, MD, Surgeon General, Air Force; Vice-Adm. Donald F. Hagen, MD, FACS, Surgeon General, Navy; Lt. Gen. Frank F. Ledford, Jr., MD, FACS, Surgeon General, Army; Ben Eiseman, MD, FACS; and Maj. Gen. J. T. Coull, MD, QHS, MB, FRCS, FRCS(Ed).



Kansas Chapter (left to right): Howard E. Riehm, Executive Secretary; Nancy Kindling; Paul Kindling; Sandy Praeger; Mark A. Praeger; Phyllis Bigler; and F. Calvin Bigler.



South Carolina Chapter (left to right): Dorothy Colvin; Euta M. Colvin; James L. Haynes; Fred A. Crawford, Jr.; William J. Goudelock; and Dorothy Goudelock.



The Hon. William Bristol (far left) presided over a mock trial, which was held on Wednesday as part of Postgraduate Course #19. The realistic trial, which involved a surgeon who refused to operate on a patient with AIDS, demonstrated how to cope with courtroom procedures and legal jargon.

ACS Regents and Governors named

The Board of Governors has elected Roger S. Foster, Jr., MD, FACS, and Richard R. Sabo, MD, FACS, as Regents for three-year terms.

Dr. Foster is professor of surgery and director, Vermont Regional Cancer Center, Burlington, VT. He served on the Board of Governors from 1981-1987, and was a member of the Governor's Committee on Chapter Activities from 1985-1987. He was appointed to the Advisory Council for Surgery in 1989 and continues to be an active member of that council.

Dr. Sabo is a practicing general surgeon in Bozeman, MT, and is on the staff of Deaconess Hospital. He has been active on the Governors' Committee on Surgical Practice in Hospitals, as well as on the Governors' Subcommittee on AIDS.

The Governors reelected the following Regents to additional three-year terms: Thomas J. Krizek, MD, FACS, Chicago, IL; David G. Murray, MD, FACS, Syracuse, NY; Seymour I. Schwartz, MD, FACS, Rochester, NY; Edward L. Seljeskog, MD, FACS, Minneapolis, MN; and Paul H. Ward, MD, FACS, Los Angeles, CA.

The Board of Governors also elected as its officers for one-year terms: Frank R. Lewis, Jr., MD, FACS, Chairman; and Richard J. Finley, MD, FACS, Vice-Chairman. Ellis B. Keener, MD, FACS, was reelected as Secretary.

Dr. Lewis is chief of surgery at the University of California-San Francisco, and San Francisco General Hospital. He has been active as a member of the Board of Governors' Executive Committee, the Advisory Council for Surgery, the Committee on Trauma, and the Governors' Subcommittee on AIDS.

Dr. Finley is professor and head of the department of surgery, University of British Columbia and Vancouver General Hospital, Vancouver, B.C. He has been a member of the Board of Governors since 1990.

Dr. Keener is clinical associate professor of neurosurgery at Emory University School of Medicine, and consulting neurosurgeon at Yerkes Regional Primate Center at Emory University, Atlanta, GA.

In other actions, the Governors elected Edward M. Copeland III, MD, FACS, Gainesville, FL, to the Execu-

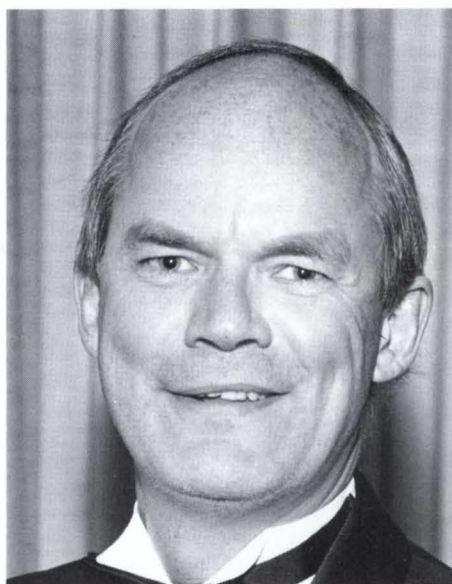


Dr. Lewis, Chairman, Board of Governors

tive Committee. Harold P. Freeman, MD, FACS, New York, NY, was re-elected to the Executive Committee. Ronald C. Jones, MD, FACS, Dallas, TX, and Hugh H. Trout, MD, FACS, Washington, DC, continue as members of the Board of Governors' Executive Committee. In addition, the following individuals were elected Governors:

Governors-at-Large

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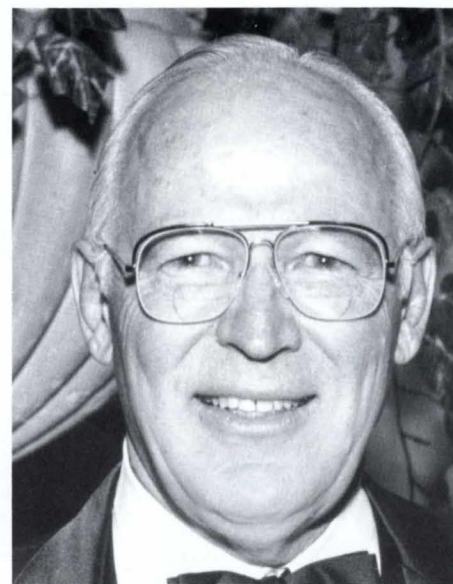


Dr. Finley, Vice-Chairman, Board of Governors

man, New York; Saverio S. Bentivegna, New York; Francis Chanatry, New York; Calvin L. Rasweiler, New York; Barry S. Savits, New York; Carl P. Weber, New York; W. Frederick McGuirt, North Carolina; Wayne M. Swenson, North Dakota; Josef E. Fischer, Ohio; Richard B. Fratianne, Ohio; Richard B. Reiling, Ohio; Neil R. Thomford, Ohio; Donald R. Carter, Oklahoma; R. Douglas Cassel, Pennsylvania; Francis E. Rosato, Pennsylvania; Harold J. Wanebo, Rhode Island; James A. Allums, Texas; John Freese, Texas; Ronald C. Jones, Texas; Marion Lawler, Texas; Michael S. McArthur, Texas; Harlan D. Root, Texas; Edward C. Saltzstein, Texas; Robert P. Berry, Virginia; Herbert E. Warden, West Virginia; Harold D. Thomason, Wyoming; James R. Kirkpatrick, Manitoba, Gerald E. Stiles, New Brunswick; Kevin N. Melvin, Newfoundland; John P. Schaefer, Prince Edward Island; Robert D. A. Cameron, Saskatchewan; Sir Geoffrey Slaney, England; Daniel P. Rignault, France; Hans-Jurgen Peiper, Germany; John Wong, Hong Kong; Dhan Raj Mahajan, India; Daniel J. du Plessis, South Africa; Pyung Chul Min, South Korea; Manuel Galofre, Spain.

Specialty Governors

Charles L. Puckett, American Association for Hand Surgery; William A. Buchheit, American Association of Neurological Surgeons; William J. Kane, American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons; Donald S. Gann, American Association for the Surgery of Trauma;



Dr. Keener, Secretary, Board of Governors

Floyd D. Loop, American Association for Thoracic Surgery; James L. Breen, American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists; Brigadier General Michael J. Torma, Department of the Air Force; Donald B. Kettelkamp, American Orthopaedic Association; Carl L. Nelson, American Orthopaedic Association (two-year unexpired term); Melvin G. Alper, American Ophthalmological Society; Robert W. Barnes, Association for Program Directors in Surgery (new seat); Major General Frederick N. Bussey, Department of the Army; Helmuth Goepfert, American Society for Head and Neck Surgery; Michael E. Jabaley, American Society for Surgery of the Hand; James H. Maxwell, Central Association of Obstetricians and Gynecologists; Lenworth M. Jacobs, Eastern Association for the Surgery of Trauma (new seat); Samuel D. Porter, Midwest Surgical Association; Rear Admiral David M. Lichtman, Department of the Navy; Harold P. Freeman, National Medical Association; Herbert Dardik, Society for Clinical Vascular Surgery (new seat); William T. Ramage, Jr., Southeastern Surgical Congress; Elliot W. Strong, Society of Head and Neck Surgeons; Dixon Walker, Society for Pediatric Urology; R. Scott Jones, Southern Surgical Association; Dale Rice, Society of University Otolaryngologists; Naji Abumrad, Society of University Surgeons; Thomas J. Rohner, Society of University Urologists; Armand A. Lefemine, Veterans Administration; John R. Benfield, Western Thoracic Surgical Association.

Allied Meetings

Friday

American Society of Colon & Rectal Surgeons Mediation Committee
7:30 am - 8:30 am. Breakfast Meeting.
Hilton & Towers, 5C, Fifth Floor.

The Society of University Urologists
7:30 am - 11:45 am. Meeting.
Hilton & Towers, Williford B, Third Floor.

American Society of Colon & Rectal Surgeons, Standards Task Force
12:00 noon - 2:00 pm. Luncheon Meeting.
Hilton & Towers, 5F, Fifth Floor.

American Society of Colon & Rectal Surgeons, Pre-Agenda
3:00 pm - 5:00 pm. Meeting.
Hilton & Towers, 5F, Fifth Floor.

Executive Council of American Society of Colon & Rectal Surgeons
5:00 pm - 10:30 pm. Meeting.
Hilton & Towers, 5F, Fifth Floor.

Executive Council of American Society of Colon & Rectal Surgeons
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Dinner.
Hilton & Towers, 5G, Fifth Floor.

Saturday

Executive Council of American Society of Colon & Rectal Surgeons
7:30 am - 3:00 pm. Breakfast Meeting.
Hilton & Towers, 5F, Fifth Floor.

Executive Council of American Society of Colon & Rectal Surgeons
12:00 noon - 1:00 pm. Luncheon.
Hilton & Towers, 5G, Fifth Floor.

Registration totals

As of Thursday afternoon, total registration for the Clinical Congress was 18,704. Of that number, 9,752 were physicians and 8,992 were exhibitors, guests, spouses, or convention personnel.